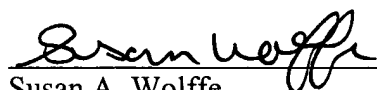


REMARKS

None of these amendments involve new matter. Claims 13-20 are pending. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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